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inhibit tumor cell spreading which comprises:

(a) admixing with cell culture media an effective amount of an agent known to inhibit the interaction between a tumor cell and an extracellular matrix molecule;

(b) contacting a tumor cell in cell culture with media from step (a);

(c) determining the amount of spreading of the tumor cell in the cell culture; and

(d) comparing the amount of spreading of the tumor cell determined in step (c) with the amount determined in the absence of the agent, thus evaluating the ability of the agent to inhibit tumor cell spreading.

C1 21. (Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the agent comprises a peptide, a peptidomimetic, a nucleic acid, a synthetic organic molecule, an inorganic molecule, a carbohydrate, a lipid, or an antibody or fragment thereof.

C2 34. (Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the extracellular matrix molecule is a laminin, a fibronectin, an amphoterin, a cadherin, an integrin or a hyaluronic acid.

REMARKS

Claims 17-21, 33-35, 37 and 38 are pending in the subject application. Claims 18, 33, 37 and 38 have been cancelled. Claims 17, 21 and 34 have been amended to introduce certain formatting